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Honorable William S. Moorhead, Chairman
Subcommittee on Foreign Operations
and Government Information
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Moorhead:

This is in response to the request set forth in your letter of 8 June 1973 for background information on Federal Government public information personnel. As has been discussed in meeting with your Staff Director, Mr. William G. Phillips, this Agency does not have a public information program. Inquiries received by the Central Intelligence Agency from the press and public are generally handled by an Assistant to the Director.

If further information is desired in this matter, would you please advise.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

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73-3046

June 8, 1973

Honorable William E. Colby
Director-designate
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

As Chairman of the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee, I have introduced H. R. 7268 to help solve one of the problems uncovered in the Subcommittee's continuing study of Federal government information problems. The report on the Subcommittee's study (H. Rept. 92-1419) stated:

"A more clearly defined role for public information personnel in the Federal Government and a general uplifting of their status within the bureaucracy are long overdue. Not only could such steps have significant impact on more conscientious administration of the Freedom of Information Act--both the letter and the spirit of the law--but it would also give proper recognition to the legitimate and increasingly necessary role of public information officers as 'the bridge' between faceless government and its citizens."

H. R. 7268 has been sent to you for comment by the House Government Operations Committee. In addition to your specific comments on the legislation, the Subcommittee needs general background information on the Federal government's present public information personnel to help the Congress make decisions on H. R. 7268.

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Please, therefore, have the enclosed questionnaire completed by each of the employees in your agency (including consultants) at the GS-7 level and above who spends a major part of his/her time on public information activities. The information should be provided by the public information employees in every branch, bureau, or constituent unit of the agency. Please send the completed questionnaires to the Subcommittee on or before July 15, 1973.

If you have any questions, contact Staff Director William G. Phillips at 225-3741.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William S. Moorhead", written in a cursive style.

WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD
Chairman

Enclosure

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
PERSONNEL (INCLUDING CONSULTANTS) AT GS-7 LEVEL AND ABOVE

NAME: _____
TITLE: _____
OFFICE: _____
(specify bureau, branch, unit, etc.)
GRADE _____ AND ANNUAL SALARY _____

EDUCATION

HIGHEST LEVEL INSTI-
TUTION ATTENDED: _____
MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY: _____

PRIVATE WORK EXPERIENCE

List, by dates, the major professional jobs held outside the Federal government, indicating the type of work done if not indicated by job title.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WORK EXPERIENCE

TITLE OF FIRST FEDERAL JOB
AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT: _____

Dates and Titles (plus brief job description if title does not clearly indicate type of work) of all other Federal government employment except current position:

Return by July 15, 1973, to: Foreign Operations & Government
Information Subcommittee

93D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 7268

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 19, 1973

Mr. MOORHEAD of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, known as the Freedom of Information Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That section 552 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(d) (1) The head of each agency shall—

“(A) appoint, without regard to the provisions of this title governing appointments in the competitive service, a chief public information officer;

“(B) except in the case of an agency which is an

executive department, fix the annual rate of pay of such

officer at a rate not to exceed the annual rate of pay, as